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TAGS: PEPR, IS, SA, US

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK MARCH 11

REFS: A) STATE 072023; B) TEL AVIV 03717 C) JIDDA 2165

1. DOD AFTER INVESTIGATING IDF ALLEGATIONS (REF B) HAS
PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

-- 'O M-16S HAVE BEEN SOLD TO SAUDI ARABIA VIA FOREIGN
MILITARY SALES;

-- TWO M-16 A1 RIFLES WERE SOLD TO SAUDI ARABIA ON A
COMMERCIAL BASIS IN 1973;

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-- THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANY M-16 WITH THE SERIAL NUMBER
REPORTED BY THE IDF.

-- THERE ARE NO RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE TO EITHER CONFIRM OR
DENY THE IDF REFERENCE TO A M-203 40MM GRENADE LAUNCHER;

-- THE LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPON (LAW) AMMO LOTS CITED BY THE

IDF WERE SOLD TO LEBANON AND TO AUSTRALIA--NOT TO SAUDI ARABIA;

-- 40MM M406 LAUNCHER GRENADE LOT NUMBERS START WITH QUOTE RVA UNQUOTE OR QUOTE RMA UNQUOTE, BUT NOT AS INDICATED BY THE IDF;

-- DEMOLITION BRICKS, LOT 2 38 WERE PROVIDED TO SAUDI ARABIA IN 1971; THERE ARE NO RECORDS AVAILABLE NOW ON LOT 5-71;

-- WITH RESPECT TO M67 GRENADES, THE PRODUCTION SERIES PROVIDED TO SAUDI ARABIA WAS SOLD TO 26 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ETHIOPIA, IRAN, ISRAEL, JORDAN AND YEMEN.

2. FOR JIDDA: YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOREGOING INFORMATION TO SAG WITH REQUEST THAT THEY CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO THE DEMOLITION BRICKS AND M67 GRENADES.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOREGOING TO ISRAELIS NOTING WE HAVE ASKED THE SAUDIS TO CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE DEMOLITION BRICKS AND M67 GRENADES. YOU SHOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT DAO OR ONE OF HIS STAFF BE ALLOWED TO VIEW THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VIEW EQUIPMENT, WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PRECISE DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED
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SAUDI EMBLEM ON M-16. VANCE

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